

Franklin County Commissioners' Court
Commissioner Court Minutes
Regular Session
January 11, 2016

The Franklin County Commissioners' Court met in Regular Session January 11, 2016 at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Franklin County Courthouse located at 200 North Kaufman Street, Mount Vernon, TX

Members present: Scott Lee, County Judge
Danny Chitsey, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Larkin Jumper, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Deryl Carr, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Sam Young, Commissioner, Precinct 4
Betty Crane, County Clerk

VISITORS: Trey Newsome, Margaret Sears, Lindsey Yeager, Lanny Ramsay, Vivian Shirley, Bill Travis, Susan Jones, Brian Ball, B. F. Hicks, J & J Dennis / Jancosek, Pieter Post, Coy Johnson, Ricky Jones, Tina Phillips, Bryan Giguere, Cathy Jumper, Betty Sue Allen, Jim Alford, Jerry Cooper, Ellen Jaggars, Bill Travis and Lillie Bush-Reves

Judge Lee called the meeting to order and Commissioner Young offered prayer.

Public Comments: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 28, 2015 REGULAR SESSION - COUNTY CLERK – Commissioner Chitsey made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2015 Regular Session and Commissioner Jumper seconded the motion. Motion carried

AUDIT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE THEIR PAYMENT - TREASURER – Commissioner Jumper made a motion to approve all the claims against the county and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

See Exhibit 01/11/2016 - A

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOT 15R EL DORADO BAY SUBDIVISION – LANNY RAMSAY FOR MARTIN SCHNEIDER - Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lot 15R in the El Dorado Bay subdivision and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 40R2 AND 41R, UNIT II EL DORADO BEACH SUBDIVISION – B F HICKS FOR THEODORE C. BURGDORF - Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of the replat of lots 40R2 and 41R of Unit II in the El Dorado Beach subdivision and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FIRST READING: REPLAT OF LOTS L63R, L65R, L65R2 SECTION 2 KING'S COUNTRY SUBDIVISION – B F HICKS FOR RICHARD AND JENNIFER HICKS AND MAX AND ROSEMARY BUCHWALD - Mr. Hicks reported the Franklin County Water District was waiting on a Lease Agreement Amendment to be done because a lot has been divided so this would need to be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

FIRST READING: DEPLAT 0.2687 ACRES AND 1.2374 ACRES IN THE JW MATTHEWS SURVEY – DEER LAKE AREA OF KING'S COUNTRY – B F HICKS FOR STANLEY FIREBAUGH - Mr. Hicks gave an overview what is going on with the deplat of 0.2687 acres and 1.2374 acres in the JW Matthews survey in the Deer Lake Area of King's Country and requested this to be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

FIRST READING: DEPLAT 2.0787 ACRES IN THE EW NARRAMORE SURVEY – KING FERDINAND AREA OF KING'S COUNTRY – B F HICKS FOR STANLEY FIREBAUGH - Mr. Hicks gave an overview what is going on with the deplat of 2.0787 acres in the EW Narramore survey in the King Ferdinand area of King's Country and requested this to be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

FIRST READING: REPLAT LOTS 10R AND 11R, PHASE 1, HICKORY HILLS SUBDIVISION – COY JOHNSON, INDIVIDUALLY AND FOR JAMES AND BRENDA BRINKLEY - Mr. Commissioner Young made a motion to approve the first reading of lots 10R and 11R of Phase 1 in the Hickory Hills subdivision and Commissioner Carr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING CITY OF MOUNT VERNON'S REQUEST TO USE FENCED BACK PARKING AREA OF ANNEX EAST FOR SEPTIC EQUIPMENT STORAGE – COUNTY JUDGE AND DARREK FERRELL, CITY ADMINISTRATOR - Judge Lee reported the City of Mount Vernon had requested the use of the fenced back parking area of Annex East for septic line storage. Mayor Margaret Sears reported the project should be completed within one year and the contract starts on January 15, 2016. Commissioner Carr made a motion to approve the City of Mount Vernon to store septic line equipment in the fenced back parking area of Annex East and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent Lindsey Yeager and Extension Agent Brian Ball reported on recent events and activities they had attended as well as informed the court about future events and activities coming up.

Judge Lee reported meeting with Bill Travis and the man from Crockett. The man from Crockett will be getting some proposals. He also had checked the light poles at the Sports Complex and the light kits that had been stored behind the hospital for the Sports Complex had been checked and reported they appear to be in good shape. The basic concern is he did not have the equipment (crane) for the larger light poles. Judge Lee reported talking with Tom Shiels and Mr. Shiels has a client that would help out selling the poles if that is what they decided to do. Commissioner Chitsey reported talking with someone that could also do the work but no one knows how much it will cost. Commissioner Chitsey and Jumper expressed their concern about the price to get them erected and was not even sure we had any pony league teams. He wanted to see what the man from Crockett had to say. Commissioner Jumper was concerned that the light fixtures were not good and not last like they should. Bill Travis reported he had given the Commissioners' a draft version of Rules of the Park. He reported the person over the food service would need to be trained. Commissioner Jumper said the County puts \$75,000 in the budget for the Sports Complex. Commissioner Jumper wanted to pursue a plan with the sports associations and within a couple of years the associations be able to take over and pick up the tab. Commissioner Jumper stated that he didn't feel like the people of the county should subsidize and pay for everybody else's

entertainment. He stated he is not anti-kid or anti-sports but the people that get the benefit of using the Sports Complex needs to pay for it. The county is not mandated to pay for entertainment.

Sheriff Jones gave an update on the software and the damage to the courtroom and there will be no more Hopkins County inmates since the new jail opened.

Commissioner Chitsey wanted to see the walls at the airport be torn down. Commissioner Young reported discussing with the Airport Board to possibly get some assistance with the Airport Community Center. Treasurer Betty Sue Allen reported someone from TAC will be evaluating county buildings for property insurance the next week or so.

Judge Lee reported having a meeting with David Weidman from the FCWD, Sheriff Jones, and Jason Ross and Robbin Bass from Congressman John Ratcliffe's office to discuss the flooding issues in Franklin County. They discussed the possibility of FEMA mapping for Franklin County for flood insurance. He reported primary residences count towards the 800 homes statewide threshold. There may also be SBA low interest loan program that may be available regardless of FEMA assistance. Judge Lee reported doing a Resolution Declaring State of Disaster on December 14th for damage on December 12th from resulting from tornado damage and flooding. **See Exhibit 1/11/2016 B.** He issued another Resolution Declaring State of Disaster on January 8, 2016 for flood damage received on December 27th through December 31, 2015. **See Exhibit 1/ 11/2016 C** Also, letters to Governor Greg Abbott was written and a Disaster Summary Outline was done for the Franklin County tornado and flood that was done on December 12, 2015. **See Exhibit 1/11/2016 D**

Commissioner Jumper made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I, Betty Crane, County Clerk certify that this is an accurate accounting of the proceedings of Commissioner's Court Regular meeting on January 11, 2016

Witnessed and recorded this 11th day of January, 2016.

Betty Crane, County Clerk